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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

32 January 17, 2012

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUTHORIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT
TO PURCHASE ONE FIXED ASSET ITEM IN EXCESS OF \$250,000
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request Board approval to authorize the Los Angeles County (County) Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition of a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive vessel screening platform (Vessel) to assist in the coastal security of the County, including Marina del Rey, Malibu, the islands of Catalina and San Clemente, the Los Angeles International Airport, and the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the County's Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition of one Vessel. The purchase exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition process.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On January 13, 2011, the Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded a sub-grant in the amount of \$3 million from the Department of Homeland Security Port Security Grant Program to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) to purchase a Vessel. The purchase of this Vessel will assist in the coastal security of the County, including Marina Del Rey, Malibu, the islands of Catalina and San Clemente, the Los Angeles International Airport, and the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. This will benefit all citizens and businesses in the County. Safe coastal areas, airports, and ports are not only vital to the well-being of the citizens of the County, but have dire fiscal impact to ensure goods and services flow without interruption.

The purchase of this Vessel will greatly enhance the prevention of a terrorist or criminal incident involving weapons of mass destruction and/or hazardous materials in the County coastal areas. Vessel boarding/screening teams will consist of current personnel from the Department's Special Enforcement Bureau, and Arson/Explosive and HAZMAT Details. This project will not require any additional personnel.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 5, Public Safety, as this action supports our public safety mission by increasing the coastal security of the County, including Marina del Rey, Malibu, the islands of Catalina and San Clemente, the Los Angeles International Airport, and the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The funding for this purchase will come from a 2010 Department of Homeland Security Port Security Grant Program sub-grant in the amount of \$3 million. There is no matching fund requirement or impact on net County cost. The cost of this Vessel will not exceed \$3 million, which has been included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby County departments must obtain Board approval to purchase equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions for purchasing.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The acquisition of equipment is under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent and will be requisitioned, solicited, and purchased in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The purchase of the Vessel will assist the Department in maintaining and increasing its County coastal security, critical infrastructure, and mutual aid obligations.

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CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return four individually certified copies of the adopted Board letter to the Department's Homeland Security Division.

Sincerely,



LEROY D. BACA

Sheriff

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